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Barbara Boyle is flanked by her children, John and Julie, at the graveside ceremony for Walter L. Boyle, an Arlington resident who was to become the next Cambridge Police commissioner.

Police commissioner is buried

Walter L. Boyle is remembered as 'quiet source of strength'

By Patrick McGee
ADVOCATE STAFF

Walter Boyle's promising law enforcement career and active life of community service in Arlington came to an end Wednesday when he was laid to rest in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Arlington. He died of a heart attack on Saturday.

The 58-year-old Gray Street resident was the acting Cambridge Po-

lice commissioner and was just about to be made the full-time commissioner. He went into cardiac arrest in D'Agostino's Delicatessen in Arlington Heights and was pronounced dead by the time he was rushed to the Medical Center at Symmes.

A funeral Mass at St. Eulalia's Church Wednesday morning brought hundreds of friends, Cambridge city officials and police offi-

cers.

More than 25 officers on motorcycles eased past Attorney General Scott Harshbarger, who stood across from police officers mounted on horseback. The hearse pulled up between a flag lowered to half-mast and color guards from Cambridge, Boston, Winchester, Harvard University and the state police. A long row of white-gloved

BOYLE, see page 4A.

Open space bill might set course for Reed's Brook

State funds will go to acquisitions, improvements

By Patrick McGee
ADVOCATE STAFF

Anticipating expansion and upgrading of open space, town officials and environmentalists are encouraged by the state legislature's approval of the Open Space Bond Bill. The bill, which would allocate funds to cities and towns for buying and maintaining open space, is expected to be signed by Gov. William Weld.

Robert Havern, D-Arlington, chair of the transportation committee, said a study of this project has not been made yet and it must first be approved by the governor's office.

While expansion of the bike path is perhaps years away, town officials see the biggest opportunity in the bond bill in a provision added by Rep. Jim Marzilli, D-Arlington.

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An initial site assessment concluded that the land may have to be vented of methane gas that was produced when the covered waste decomposed. A more intense study is ongoing, said Assistant Planner Kevin O'Brien.

Marzilli's landfill closing and reclamation provision will give Arlington a chance to compete with other cities and towns for the funds needed to vent the 22-acre site.

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REP. JIM MARZILLI

Passage of the bill opens several windows of opportunity for Arlington. Funding to upgrade the Reed's Brook site, purchased by the town almost a year ago, may come via the bill. One hundred eighty acres of Arlington-owned wetlands in Lexington may, in the distant future, be sold to the town of Lexington, with open space bond bill funds changing hands.

The bond bill also allocates funds to create a bike path on the old Boston and Main Watertown rail line and to connect it to Arlington's Minuteman Trail. State Sen-

serted, that will allow the town to compete for money to enclose and fill the old land fill on Summer Street," Marzilli said referring to the Reed's Brook site. "I thought the open space bond bill was an important way to recapture space that was otherwise an eyesore."

The provision will allocate \$40 million to convert former land fills into "passive use" open space.

Reed's Brook is a former landfill and "passive and low-intensity park use" is what the Arlington Open Space Plan Committee has recommended for the site.

"He had been pushing for it and if it's in there he deserves the credit for it," said Alan McClellan Jr., director of Planning and Community Development.

O'Brien said the department was following the bill hoping it could be used for the development of Reed's Brook. He said the planning department is preparing a proposal for Reed's Brook for the 1997 Town Meeting. Although the passing of the open space bond bill will not change the Reed's Brook proposal, access to funding might

OPEN SPACES, see page 5A.

Telecommunications Act might affect Arlington's cable contract

By Patrick McGee
ADVOCATE STAFF

The Telecommunications Act of 1996, passed by Congress last week and expected to be signed into law by President Bill Clinton, will affect all aspects of the industry, including Arlington's recently negotiated cable contract.

Arlington's Congressional representative, Edward Markey, D-Malden, was a major proponent of the bill, which brings deregulation and other sweeping changes to telecommunications.

Joe Dalton, Markey's aide, said the bill will not affect or take away licensing authority for cable contracts. However, if a cable company wants to offer phone services, it would not have to go to a licensing authority such as the Board of Selectmen.

If a phone company wants to offer cable TV services, it would only need to ask for a license if the operation was "structured" as a ca-

ble company, Dalton said.

This means that Arlington may benefit if a phone company tries to offer a cable service in the town. By the contract signed in October, the town cannot give a license to another company without demanding benefits equal to those in the Continental Cablevision contract.

Arlington snagged several substantive perks from Continental Cablevision in exchange for a 10-year contract, including Internet access for the schools and a studio open to the public. If another company seeks a contract, they must provide benefits of equal value.

Rick Jenkinson, director of government affairs for Continental, said the telecommunications bill will not directly affect the contract negotiated with Arlington. Lawyers involved in drafting the contract said it was negotiated with the telecommunications bill in mind.

"During our negotiations they

were trying to get us to agree that if another licensee came along they would be able to get out of some of the commitments and we wouldn't agree to that," said Philip McCarthy, one of the town-appointed lawyers who negotiated the contract.

"I don't think Continental is going to be seeking to extract themselves from any of their obligations, unless there's competition in town and that could be five years from now," McCarthy said.

Jenkinson said that although phone companies can now get into the cable business, it may not happen soon or at all. He noted that Nynex sued the federal government two years ago for access to the cable market. They won, but have yet to enter the field.

Town Counsel John Maher said that if another company were allowed to come in and compete without a contract, then Continental would be relieved of its con-

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RECYCLING ROUTE NEXT WEEK

NEWS/OPINION

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What's your number?

Using personality types to improve relationships

By Robin Robinson
SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE

With Valentine's Day only six days away, almost everyone's attention has turned toward romantic relationships. Whether you are in one and want to improve it or are not in one and want to be, Arlington resident and relationship coach Herb Pearce has some suggestions.

By using a system of spiritual psychology called the Enneagram, Pearce helps people increase their understanding of others. That understanding is intended to improve the communication between people involved in all types of relationships, romantic or otherwise.

"People know we are all different, but they don't have a clue how different," said Pearce. "I've worked in this field for 16 years, but until I discovered the

Enneagram I had no idea how different we all are."

Pearce facilitates several workshops using the Enneagram to improve communication for couples, singles, and even business groups. Using the Enneagram, Pearce "types" people, then shows them how to effectively relate to the other types. Pearce shows people how to deal with others in a way they like or feel comfortable with. That is the key to improving communication.

"When I tell someone, 'This is the way to communicate with this type,' the results are pretty magical, pretty amazing. I was shocked at first with how efficient it is."

The Enneagram is more than 2,500 years old and categorizes people into nine personality types. These types are based on a person's motivations rather than on behaviors like the Myers-Briggs type indicator. Pearce said per-

RELATIONSHIPS, see page 6A.



Relationship coach Herb Pearce, left, with Philip Walker and Bridget Gallagher in Walker's Somerville apartment. The couple says Pearce has helped them better their relationship.

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Help with historical crafts and music

Volunteers are needed to help with a children's History Fair at the Robbins Library on Saturday, March 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers who would like to share their expertise with a craft, music, or other tasks should call children's services at Robbins Li-

brary at 646-1000, Ext. 4305.

The History Fair is being funded through a grant from the Anne A. Russell cultural for history fair

Orientation for library volunteers at Robbins

The Robbins Library will offer two orientation sessions for volunteers interested in shelving materials and maintaining the library shelves. Volunteer candidates should be familiar with the arrangement of materials in a library and should be physically able to bend and to push full book carts. In addition, a minimum commitment of two hours per week for three months is requested.

Orientation sessions will be held Friday, Feb. 2, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Volunteers will be expected to attend one of the sessions. To register, call Cynthia Diminture at 646-1000, Ext. 4304.

Drive cancer patients to treatment

The American Cancer Society needs volunteers to drive cancer patients to and from treatments. Those who can spare as little as one morning or afternoon a month may call the American Cancer Society at (800)ACS-2345.

Meetings

Thursday, Feb. 8

Permanent Town Building Committee, 7:30 p.m., first floor conference room, Town Hall Annex

Tuesday, Feb. 13

Cyrus E. Dallin Committee, 7:30 p.m.,

second floor conference room, Town Hall Annex

Tuesday, Feb. 13

Arlington Recycling Committee, 7:30 p.m., second floor conference room, Town Hall Annex

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., second floor, Town Hall Annex

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NEWS NOTES

Politicians discuss bills with local PTO

The governor was lambasted and parents were updated at Thursday's Parent Teacher Organization meeting with Arlington's state legislators.

Sen. Robert Havern and Reps. Jim Marzilli and Anne Paulsen sat in front of the town-wide PTO group and talked about state reimbursement per student, the possibility of having the state match Arlington's scholarship fund, education reform and other issues.

The trio of Democrats accused Republican Gov. William Weld of playing political games with the budget and making unrealistic proposals just to score points in the polls.

Last year the state reimbursed the Arlington school system \$75 per student. Some members of the PTO expressed support for a bill which would again reimburse the school system.

"I have no doubt this year we'll again receive \$75 per student," Havern said.

Town Treasurer John Bilafer asked about legislation he wrote that would have the state match donations that cities and towns make to a scholarship fund. The matching funds would be capped at an amount no greater than the population. The legislators pledged support for the bill which is considered dead by most State-house watchers.

"I think it's a question of persistence. If we're persistent long enough we'll eventually have it," Havern said.

Paulsen and Marzilli said they would bring it up when they meet

with chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee Thomas Finneran, D-Boston.

Paulsen criticized Weld for cutting funds to the state universities.

"It seems to me we ought to make a push to put some money back into higher education," she said.

Marzilli said that federal cuts will hurt Massachusetts more than other states since it's heavily dependent on the education and health care industries.

"There's no policy that we can adopt at the state level nor at the local level to deal with that," he said.

Picardi joins law firm

Ralph Picardi of Arlington has joined the law firm of Cushing & Dolan, P.C.

Picardi was born and raised in Arlington. He attended all Arlington public schools. His parents Ralph and Edna Picardi still reside in Arlington on Crosby Street.

Before joining Cushing & Dolan, he was a partner of Burns & Levinson. He will manage the newly-established full service commercial litigation and professional practices department. Picardi formerly practiced as a certified public accountant.

Presidential primary

The last day to register for the March 5 Massachusetts presidential primary is Feb. 14.

There will be presidential candidates from three political parties on the Massachusetts ballot: Democratic Party - President Bill Clinton and Lyndon Larouche Jr.; Libertarian Party - Harry Browne, Irwin Schiff and Rick Tompkins; Republican Party - Lamar Alexander, Pat Buchanan, Bob Dole, Robert Dornan, Steve Forbes, Phil Gramm, Alan Keyes, Richard Lugar and Morry Taylor.

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POLICE
LOG

ARRESTS

■ On Jan. 30 at 6:50 p.m., police went to an apartment building on Massachusetts Avenue to serve a warrant. They arrested a 39-year-old Arlington man for a default warrant for assault and battery.

■ On Jan. 31 at 10:50 a.m., police

went to Bartlett Avenue to serve a warrant. They arrested a 23-year-old Arlington man for default warrants for larceny, destruction of property and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

■ On Jan. 31 at 5:20 p.m., police pulled over a car on Venner Road for an illegal right turn. The driver, a 31-year-old Lexington man, was arrested for driving after his license was suspended.

■ On Feb. 2 at 3 a.m., police saw a car oddly parked at Stop & Shop on Massachusetts Avenue. The driver, a 23-year-old Belmont man,

was questioned and arrested for a default warrant for speeding.

■ On Feb. 2 at 5:30 p.m., police went to Fremont Street for a report of a man hitting a woman. The woman said the man showed up at her house and demanded payment of a bill, then began hitting her. The 30-year-old Cambridge man was stopped on Ernest and Everett streets and arrested for assault and battery.

■ On Feb. 3 at 3:05 a.m., police went to Fremont Court for a report of an argument between two motorists who parked too close to each other. One began smashing the windows and taillights of the other's car. The 23-year-old Arlington man was arrested for malicious destruction of property.

■ On Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m., police were called to Aberdeen Road by a man who said his son had been yelling and shooting a shotgun "all day." Police entered the house and smelled gunsmoke. They entered the man's room and the smell of gunsmoke grew stronger. The 49-year-old Arlington man was sitting in the room, the walls of which were riddled with bullet holes. He was arrested for disturbing the peace and discharging a firearm in a house. Three rifles, two BB guns and a handgun were confiscated.

■ On Feb. 4 at 4:45 a.m., a woman on Fremont Court called police to report that her husband was beat-

ing her. Police went to the house and found the 24-year-old man drunk. His wife's face was bruised and her lip was cut. She said her husband came home drunk and when she questioned him, he began to hit her and choked her with the collar of her sweatshirt. He was arrested for assault and battery with intent to murder. He struggled with police while being arrested and struggled all the way to the station. The woman refused medical treatment. An emergency restraining order was issued.

■ On Feb. 5 at 9:30 a.m., police went to Cumberland Farms on Massachusetts Avenue for a report of shoplifting. A 16-year-old Arlington boy admitted to putting pistachios in his jacket. He was arrested for delinquent shoplifting.

ASSAULT AND
BATTERY

■ On Jan. 30 a man said he was at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Pleasant Street at 7:30 p.m. when a man approached his car and began yelling at him about his driving. The man hit him in the face with a snow ball and left.

FIRE
REPORT

RESPONSES

Rescue and Fire services responded to 72 calls last week, including 33 rescues, 12 investigations and 12 fire alarms.

■ On Jan. 30 at 6:26 a.m., a car fire was reported at the corner of Brattle and Summer streets. The faulty exhaust system caused a fire on the passenger side of the car. The fire was quickly put out. Damage to the 1985 Chevrolet Celebrity was estimated at \$500.

■ On Jan. 30 at a fire was reported on the stairs of a house on Harris Circle. Firefighters put out the fire with a bucket of water. A lighter was found near-by. The cause is suspicious.

■ On Jan. 31 at 1 a.m. a 16-year-old boy on Mayflower Road was reported to be suffering from anxiety from smoking marijuana. He was taken to the Medical Center at Symmes.

■ On Feb. 1 at 11:28 a.m. an electrical oven fire was reported on Magnolia Street. Dry chemicals were used to put out the fire.

■ On Feb. 3 at 3:12 p.m. a 95-year-old man on Carl Road was reported to have weakness in his left leg. He was taken to the Medical Center at Symmes.

■ On Feb. 4 at 9:53 p.m. a four-year-old boy was reported to be weak and lethargic after coming out of a seizure. He was taken to Mount Auburn Hospital.

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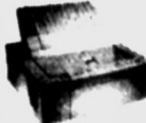


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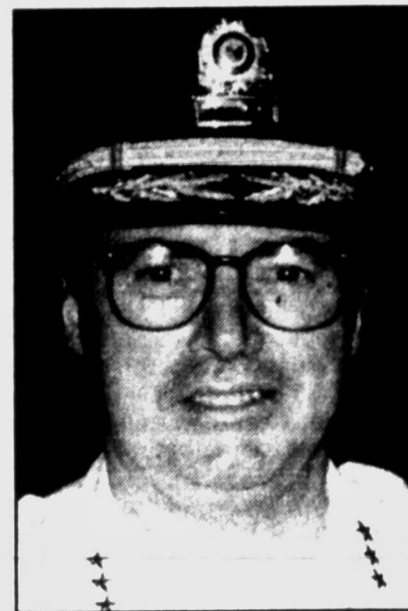
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1937-1996

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Commissioner, Cambridge Police
Department
EDUCATION: Master of Public
Administration, Northeastern
University, 1980
Bachelor of Science in Law
Enforcement, Northeastern
University, 1978
CAMBRIDGE POLICE CAREER:
• Patrol Officer - Operations
Division, 1966-1975,
• Sergeant - Patrol Division,
1975-1981,
• Lieutenant - Platoon Commander,
1981-1982,
• Lieutenant - Criminal Investigation
Unit, 1982-1988,
• Supervisor - Internal Affairs Unit,
1988-1991,
• Commander - Criminal
Investigations Section, 1991-1992,
• Superintendent - Support Services
Division, 1992-1995,
• Acting Commissioner - 1995-1996

BOYLE, from page 1A.
police officers stood silently saluting the coffin as Barbara Boyle, his wife, approached with her children, John and Julie.

Inside the church, programs were passed out by members of the Providence College Friars' Club, a service organization that Boyle was proud to have his son belong to. Patrick Buckley, who sang at Walter and Barbara Boyle's wedding, sang "How Great Thou Art." Rows of police officers filed in.

Eulogists remembered Boyle as a dedicated "family man" and an accomplished professional.

"I can visualize Walter coming up behind Barbara to receive Communion," said Rev. Thomas Foley. "I remember him as a quiet source of strength."

"I wish I could have told him how much I looked up to him and how proud I was to have him as my uncle," said his nephew Erik Van Keuren.

Cambridge City Manager Robert Healy remembered the man he worked closely with as a serious worker who was always talking about his family.

"Walter always took time at the end of the meeting to update me on how his children were doing and ask me how mine were doing," Healy said.

Perry Anderson, the former Cambridge police commissioner, fondly remembered the man who would have filled his post.

"He was truly a family man. He was a man who understood what moral values really were. So to my dear friend, to Barbara, to Julie and to the commissioner, I salute you," he said ending his speech with a salute.

Boyle moved to Arlington in 1968 when he married Barbara Allen, a life-long Arlington resident. With his wife as an elementary teacher in the Arlington school system, Boyle became involved in youth activities in Arlington — especially in activities involving his son and daughter.

Jack Bowler, the president of the Arlington Boys and Girls Club, said Boyle was a major supporter of youth activities in town. He said Boyle raised funds for Arlington High School football and baseball and was "instrumental" in arranging the Basketball Classic, a tournament between the basketball teams of Arlington High School

and Arlington Catholic High School.

"In my whole life, I can count on one hand the really fine, decent people I've met and he's certainly one of them. He was always there when you needed him, he was just a terrific human being," Bowler said.

He said Boyle, a member of the Boys and Girls Club Board of Incorporators, would bring out his radar gun to measure the speed of kids' soccer ball kicks during fundraisers for girls' soccer and came down to the Boys and Girls Club just last week to buy a raffle ticket.

"He was just a super nice guy and boy, we're going to miss him, the community will miss him," he said.

As a close friend of Barbara Boyle, Kathleen Kiely Dias, a member of the Board of Selectmen, knew Boyle for 31 years.

"He was a kind, non-judgmental, caring person. He believed in giving people a second chance. He was a great dad and a great husband," she said.

"I think the thing that I admire most about Walter is he felt great pride in being a policeman. He felt it was a noble calling," Dias said.

He was remembered by fellow police officers as someone who excelled in the field of law enforcement.

Arlington Police Chief Eugene Del Gaizo knew Boyle since they studied in Northeastern University's criminal justice program 25 years ago.

"He was a true professional who was known for his calmness and compassion," Del Gaizo said remembering his colleague as "a real gentleman."

Frank Pasquarello, Boyle's aide and an Arlington resident, also spoke of his boss as a police officer who was thoroughly professional.

"He was the type of officer as a police officer, sergeant, lieutenant, all the way up through the ranks was probably one of the most conscientious, down-to-earth officers you could deal with," Pasquarello said.

He said Boyle would often get coffee with other officers and ask about their children.

"He lived for his family and the job," Pasquarello said. He said just before Boyle died he was talking to Sam D'Agostino, telling him how he enjoyed the Super Bowl party the Cambridge Police Department held for area youth.

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INSIDE ARLINGTON

Bill would allocate funds for open space

OPEN SPACES, from page 1A. make it more attractive to Town Meeting members, he said.

Clare Hurley, a planner in the planning department and coordinator of the Open Space Plan Committee, agreed that the open space bond bill could boost the town's development of Reed's Brook and might also bring other opportunities.

She pointed out that the bill would set aside state funds for open space improvements such as making playgrounds accessible to people with handicaps.

The bill will also allow cities and towns to buy open space for environmental protection and recreational use. Arlington does not have many opportunities for such land acquisitions, but it might bring about the selling of Great Meadows, 180 acres of wetlands in Lexington that Arlington bought more than 100 years ago for a potential reservoir site, but then never used.

The purchase of the land may now be possible with funds from the bill, but it does not seem immediately likely. Although Lexington conservationists say they want to see the land preserved, the Lexington Department of Planning and Development said a move for the land is not probable.

"There are other properties that are in private ownership that have a higher likelihood of development and those have our attention sooner," said Robert Bowyer, Lexington planning director.

Joyce Miller, chair of the Lexington Conservation Commission, said protection of the land should be a top priority.

"I think it's a piece of land that's priceless and we need to protect it," she said.

Miller said a purchase of Great Meadows by Lexington is "certainly something worth considering," but would not commit any further.

Hurley said Arlington conservationists have become more aware of Great Meadows since it was linked to the town by the Minute-man Trail three years ago. She said conservationists from both towns are now working together to bring about the best management of the land. They will hold an informal open meeting on Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at 1010 Waltham St., Lexington.

HEALTH NOTES



New staff specialize in breast surgery

Winchester Hospital's Breast Care Center has enhanced its services with the addition of two renowned plastic surgeons who specialize in breast reconstruction. M. Sharori Webb, M.D., Ph.D., and Eleanor C. Pitts, M.D., have joined the center to provide a team approach to patients requiring plastic surgery and breast reconstruction.

Webb, of Boston, received her bachelor of arts from the University of Virginia and her M.D. at Duke University.

Pitts, also of Boston, is a graduate of Princeton University in Princeton, N.J., and Dartmouth Medical School in Hanover, N.H.

The Winchester Hospital Breast Care Center, located at Baldwin Park II, 7 Alfred St. in Woburn, is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the center at (617) 756-2308.

Telecommunications bill could change competition

TELECOMMUNICATIONS, from page 1A. must study the law closely. He said he will probably attend a seminar on the law and will contact Markey's office to ask for information.

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RELATIONSHIPS, from page 1A.

sonality types are partly innate and partly cultivated survival mechanisms used in coping with childhood experiences.

The Enneagram has a mysterious history — it is not known exactly when or where it originated. According to some research, the "Enneagram of personality" is credited to Oscar Ichazom, founder of the Arica Institute in Santiago, Chile. Ichazom learned the Enneagram from Sufi teachers in Afghanistan. He in turn taught Claudio Naranjo, who further developed the profiles of the nine basic personality types and began teaching the system in the early '70s.

In keeping with Sufi tradition, the Enneagram was passed on by oral teaching. There was no book published on the subject until 1984.

The principles of the Enneagram are simple. People tend to view the world — and therefore communicate — from their own perspective, and until they learn and understand how

other types see the world, they will have conflict.

The Enneagram is not about changing people, however.

"People don't change," said Pearce. "Don't even try to change someone. What you need to do is just understand who they are and where they are coming from. The only way to have the kind of relating that will work is to focus on the differences and how to relate to them. My goal is to get people to see all nine types, and to get them to understand them."

According to Bridget Gallagher of Newton and Philip Walker of Somerville, they used the Enneagram "to make a great thing better." Gallagher and Walker met Pearce by chance at a couples seminar, where he introduced the system to them briefly.

"He made it come alive," said Gallagher, who had heard about the system from a friend. "He really lived it, and made the information useful."

Gallagher, a "four," and Walker, a "nine," said that what they like about the Enneagram is that it is non-judgmental.

"Fours can be overwhelming to a nine," Gallagher said. "My space and energy is too much for Philip. I like to be right up there close to

someone and let them know I'm there. Herb taught me that it's OK to feel that, but he said, 'Just sit back a little.' So I do, and that's much easier for Philip."

"It helps me to understand who Bridget is, too," Walker said of the Enneagram. "Sometimes when she interacts with me, she does it with such force that I feel like I'm that guy in the Maxell commercial. I don't let it push my buttons anymore. I let her be her. I can't jump in and meet her energy level, but I can cope and not take it personally."

"I've learned to tone down my fierceness," added Gallagher. "For Philip, but also in wanting to be taken seriously. I had to be more business like. But the Enneagram still gives me permission to be who I am."

"Herb's enthusiasm and practical application of the Enneagram is contagious, and you don't have to be in conflict to make a relationship better," Giving Walker a hug she added, "It helps to start with good stock."

Another couple benefiting from the Enneagram is Molly and Adrian Dawson of Andover. Married 23 years, the Dawsons said the system enhanced their understanding of how people relate, collect and process data. Although practitioners of the Myers-Briggs type indicator, they found the Enneagram a useful tool.

Adrian said, "Absolutely I would recommend it to anyone, it's an absolutely wonderful application for relating in business, at home and with your children. It helps to understand the motivations of yourself and other people."

"The Enneagram discusses coping mechanisms that are more related to energy and motivation,"

said Molly. "It enhanced my understanding both professionally and personally."

John O'Leary of Chestnut Hill has been practicing the Enneagram system for four years.

"It gives me room to be me," he said. "I'm a three, and it's OK for me to do what I do, as long as I don't get too obsessed."

The Enneagram is particularly helpful for O'Leary in his role as a managing consultant.

"I was managing a group of people, and I was baffled at how they reacted. So I went to Herb and described each person. Through my descriptions, Herb typed them, and then I could understand them better. All my annoyance, and anger disappeared. I knew why they acted the way they did. It didn't excuse the behavior, but it helped me to understand it better, and I could accept them."

Pearce feels this is a very confusing, yet exciting time for people in relationships. "There are no clear roles anymore," he said. "This makes for more opportunity for real intimacy." Pearce said today personality differences are more important to address than gender differences. The Enneagram is a precise and predictable system of doing just that.

"It's important to determine how you are different from other people, so you can be attracted to someone who is similar, and has the same values. Then there is less conflict," Pearce hurried to add that all types can get along, as long as they are willing to see the other side.

He said, "You have to respect how someone is and how they differ from you. If you can't do that, it is unlikely that a relationship will be successful."

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The specific issue cited by the judges was the Nov. 23, 1994 issue of The Advocate. That issue — which featured a package of stories on diversity issues in Arlington — has also won first place awards from the New England Newspaper Association and the National Newspaper Association.

The issue featured stories by Liz Buchanan, an Advocate correspondent, and Mark Levy, former reporter for the Advocate. Editors for the issue were Walter Moynihan, Advocate sports editor, and Bob Sprague, former editor of The Advocate.

"Good mix of fonts and by far the

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Also winning a first place award at the NEPA convention was Drew Dernavich, an editorial cartoonist who started working for The Arlington Advocate last month. Dernavich won a best editorial cartoon award for a cartoon that appeared in the Belmont Citizen-Herald.

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- General news story, Sean Gardiner, Enterprise-Sun, honorable mention
- Arts and Entertainment Reporting, Chris Bergeron, Middlesex News, 2nd place
- Business/ Economic Reporting, Bruce Pomfret, Daily Transcript, 3rd place
- Editorial, Joe Gibbs, Daily Transcript, 3rd place
- Editorial Cartoon, George Connolly, West Roxbury/ Parkway Transcript, honorable mention.
- Editorial Writer, Chris Nerney, Middlesex News, 1st place
- Educational Reporting, Jeff Adair, Newton Graphic, 1st place
- Education Reporting, Sean Gardiner, Jennifer Lord, Enterprise Sun, 1st place
- Environmental Reporting, Borzou Daragahi, The Wellesley Townsman, 1st place
- Human Interest Feature Story, Kari Bodnarchuk, Middlesex News, honorable mention
- Human Interest Feature Story, Borzou Daragahi, The Wellesley Townsman, 2nd place
- Living Page or Section, Staff, The Wellesley Townsman, 3rd place
- Photography - Spot News, Ken

- McGagh, Middlesex News, 1st place
- Photography - Spot News, Bill Thompson, Middlesex News, 2nd place
- Photography - Color, Paul Kapteyn, Middlesex News, 2nd place
- Photography - Feature, Paul Kapteyn, Middlesex News, 2nd place
- Photography - General News, Ota Richter, The News Tribune, 1st Place
- Photography - Personality, Paul Kapteyn, Middlesex News, 2nd place
- Photography- Personality, Ken McGagh, Middlesex News, honorable mention
- Photography - Sports, Marshall Wolff, Daily Transcript, 2nd place
- Photography - Sports, Paul Kapteyn, Middlesex News, 2nd place
- Photography-Spot News, Art Illman, The News Tribune, 2nd place
- Serious columnist, Bill Finucane, The Middlesex News, 2nd place
- Social Issues Feature Story, David Guarino, The News Tribune, 2nd place
- Social Issues, Feature Story, Jennifer Lord, Enterprise-sun, 3rd place
- Sports Page or Section, Staff, The News Tribune, 1st place
- Sports Story, Chris Bergeron, Middlesex News, 1st place
- Spot News Story, Rachel Wohanka, Middlesex News, 3rd Place
- Spot News Story, Caroline Bernardez, Middlesex News, honorable mention
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State may help with snow removal costs

If the bill is signed into law by Gov. William Weld, Massachusetts cities and towns will receive financial aid for this winter's snow removal. Arlington is slated to receive \$74,990.

Director of Public Works Joe Loyacono said Arlington may be over this year's snow removal budget by \$80,000.

Snow removal is the only budget item cities and towns are allowed to overspend on but they must make up for it in the next fiscal year.

With the state aid Arlington will only have to increase next year's snow removal budget of \$340,574 by several thousand dollars — if there isn't another storm.

Loyacono said the aid will not change any of the Public Works' procedures. He said their responsibility is to keep the roads clear as a public safety measure.

"This won't change anything," he said.

State Sen. Robert Havern, D-Arlington, is on the Senate Ways and Means Committee that came up with the \$74,990 figure.

"Major early season snow storms have jeopardized the town's ability to provide sufficient funds for snow and ice removal. This local aid funding, with a bit of help from mother nature, should provide some needed relief," he said.

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POLITICS

New phone, cable act benefits consumers

U.S. Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-Malden), former chairman and now ranking Democrat on the U.S. House Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance, recently hailed passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, landmark legislation which passed the U.S. House of Representatives by a margin of 414 to 16.

"This is an historic day for communications policy in our country. This bill breaks down the last remaining monopolies in the telephone and cable industries, and makes possible an information revolution which will unleash an explosion of technological breakthroughs and create as yet unimagined benefits for the American consumer. American parents are also big winners today, because this bill will give them the 'V-Chip' to protect their children by blocking out violent programming from coming into their homes," said Markey.

Markey was a principle author of a similar bill in 1993, which passed in the U.S. House by a margin of 423-5. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 is comparable to the previous legislation in many ways.

Key components of the bill include:

■ Breaks down the last communications monopoly — brings competition to local phone service by giving consumers the ability to choose from alternative providers.

■ The V-Chip — culminates Markey's three-year effort to protect kids from violent or sexually explicit television programming by giving parents the ability to block programs on the basis of ratings.

■ Cable rates — maintains cable-rate protection for most subscribers through Feb. 1999, or until competition gives consumers a choice.

■ Learning links — establishes discounted communications rates for schools, libraries, and hospitals.

■ Mass media — maintains Markey victory on House floor last August that preserves restrictions on how many media companies can be concentrated in the hands of one owner.

■ Privacy — expands privacy protection to consumers — subscriber information cannot be used by telecommunications carriers for unrelated purposes, or sold without the approval of the customer.

■ Long distance competition — provides a new, competitive framework in long distance by allowing regional Bells to offer long-distance service (with safeguards).

■ Access for the disabled — ensures access to disabled, if readily achievable.

■ Telephone consumer protection — retains ability for state and consumer advocates to determine how best to regulate local phone companies for the protection of residential subscribers.

■ Universal service — universal telephone service shall evolve over time, as FCC/state boards recommend changes to current system, and all companies contribute to system.

■ Consumer competition of electronics — allows people to buy consumer electronic equipment, ranging from remote controls to set-top boxes.

"Massachusetts business is uniquely positioned to reap the benefits made possible through this bill. With its unparalleled concentration of computer software and high technology companies, industry leaders in Massachusetts are poised to blaze new trails in the areas of job creation and technological breakthrough. Our schools, libraries, and hospitals will benefit from the links to the Internet that this bill will create. Parents will benefit from the V-Chip. And every consumer in Massachusetts and throughout the country will benefit from the competition being created in every area of telecommunications — from local and long-distance phone service, to cable and satellite television, to paging and wireless service, to computers and software. The information revolution is truly upon us," said Markey.

Free credit report under new law

The recently passed Massachusetts Credit Reporting Reform Law, sponsored by Reps. Marzilli and Paulsen, goes into effect today, allowing all Massachusetts residents to obtain a free copy of their credit report annually.

"Everyone should protect themselves and their credit history by looking at their credit report and spotting any errors before applying for a loan or job, or renting a home," said Deirdre Cummings, consumer program director for the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group. "In our last study on credit reporting errors, 61 percent of consumers who complained to the Federal Trade Commission about credit bureaus had been denied credit, jobs or housing because of mistakes."

For the first time, consumers may also protect their privacy by removing their name from credit bureaus' marketing lists simply by making a phone call. The Credit Reporting Law will cut down on damaging errors, slash the red tape consumers get caught up in every time they call a credit bureau, and allow everyone the privacy they deserve.

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CLUB NEWS



Retired persons stay busy in February

AARP Chapter 1255 meeting will be at First Baptist Church, 819 Massachusetts Ave., Friday, Feb. 16, at 1:30 p.m.

Blood pressure screening prior to meeting, from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. This is also "dues time," bring last year's dues card and National Dues Card. Entertainment will be The Grandfathers from the Retired Men's Club.

Day trip is to the Delaney House, presenting a St. Valentine's theme party on Thursday, Feb. 15.

An Irish and Italian St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's celebration will be held at Independence Harbor, Assonet, on Monday, March 18.

Retired Men's Club activities for spring

The Retired Men's Club of Arlington has scheduled the following:

Feb. 11: Valentine dinner dance. Dinner, 4:30 p.m.; dancing, 5 - 9 p.m. Menu will be boneless breast of chicken stuffed with rice, string beans, whipped potatoes, antipasto, soup, macaroni with meat sauce, rolls, coffee, and tea. Donation of \$20. For more information call Glenn at 776-8501.

Feb. 22: Foxwoods Casino. De-

part at 7:30 a.m., return at 9 p.m. Pick-up point is St. Camillus. Tour includes full buffet and round-trip transportation. For more information call Jim Alosso at 648-6624.

March 16: Spring dinner dance. Dinner served at 7 p.m. Dancing from 8 p.m. to midnight. Music by The Swingers. Menu will be soup, antipasto, ziti, roast beef/turkey, roast potatoes, green beans, ice cream, rolls, and coffee. Tickets are \$35 per couple.

May 23: Lunch and entertainment. Julius LaRosa, round-trip transportation. Bus departs St. Camillus parking lot at 11 a.m., returns about 4:30 p.m. Complete price is \$39 per person. For more information call John Sacca at 396-0261.

Catholic Women help troubled families

The Arlington Catholic Women's Club will hold its Valentine's Day party at the Arlington Senior Center on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 7:45 p.m. Entertainment provided by Marie.

At that time, a kitchen shower for Genesis II will take place. Members are asked to donate a new item to benefit troubled families. Mary Scott, Trudie Flynn, Barbara Keefe, and their committee will serve refreshments.

Garden Club serves up Valentine tea

The Arlington Garden Club will meet at noon on Feb. 14 for our Valentine Tea, followed by the business meeting.

Our program will be "Singing Grandpas," a group of 25 men from the retired Men's Club of Arlington. They will perform a variety of songs from the Big Band Era as well as show tunes, sing-a-longs and skits.

The public is invited to come at 1 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church on Pleasant Street in Arlington.

Kiwanis donates \$9,000 to charities

Arlington Kiwanis donated approximately \$9,000 to local charities and organizations during their annual meeting in October. The funds were raised from the second annual Bob Gagosian Golf Tournament that was held in June.

Shawn McCadden, president of Arlington Kiwanis, stated, "the tournament was a big success this year thanks to the players and sponsors, and we appreciated all of their support." Many of the sponsors and players are local business people and in addition to all the advertising they have received, they will be awarded certificates of appreciation from Arlington Kiwanis.

McCadden presented the donations to the Arlington Boys and Girls Club, Thompson School, Boy Scout Troop 368, Arlington Center for the Arts, Arlington Council on Aging, Arlington Fire Department, and the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute. If you are interested in becoming a Kiwanis member, tournament sponsor or player in next year's tournament, call Steve McKenna at 648-3500. The tournament will be held on June 11.

BUSINESS NOTES

Valentine dinner at Flora restaurant

Reservations for a champagne dinner on Valentine's Day are being accepted at Flora restaurant, 190 Massachusetts Ave.

Cost is \$35 per person prix fixe, and includes a three-course din-

ner with a glass of champagne and a special appearance by strolling violinist Ann Avakian of Arlington. Reservations are accepted for any size party.

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Editorial

One good cop

Several months ago, a reader told us about an Arlington resident who was about to become the top person at his job.

We decided to hold off interviewing the man until he took over — officially — the new position. We hoped to then spend a day on the job with him, finding out just why he was respected and liked by his friends, neighbors, and the men and women he commanded.

The person was Walter L. Boyle. His work was serving the people of Cambridge as top-brass on the Cambridge Police Department.

We will not get the chance to bring you that story. Boyle died Saturday morning.

People who knew Boyle say we missed an opportunity to meet a truly caring, savvy, kind, street-smart gentleman — a person who was able to deal with the worst in society, yet maintain a great family life.

A profile of Boyle would have served to remind us that not all police officers are the ones who grab headlines across the country.

Journalism has its embarrassments, such as "Hard Copy" and Connie Chung. Law enforcement has its corrupt New York precincts and Mark Furman. Politics has...well, take your pick.

All too often, the actions of a few taint professions as a whole. Boyle, and those like him who have earned the respect of all, serve to balance an otherwise skewed view.

Long after the last police car in the procession has traveled the route Boyle used to take from his home to his church, long after the last echoes of the the graveside volleys reverberates over Mount Pleasant Cemetery, long after the rich colors of the flag that draped his coffin begin to fade, his family and friends will have their memories of a man who served his neighbors well.

Guest Column

One building, one museum

By David Formanek

Sharing your house with another family that gets up and goes to bed at different hours and pursues a radically different social life will be a source of disharmony. A small house in which you must share bedrooms and closets will compromise your security. This problem is waiting at the doorstep like an uninvited guest before Arlington's as yet homeless Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum.

When you go to a museum, you go through the front door into the exhibition halls. You might notice a side door, or a back door, with a security lock and intercom and its own set of guards. Or you might notice from inside, doors labeled "authorized personnel," or marked with a name or title. The exhibit halls, in fact, take up only a floor or two of a several storey building, with undiscussed levels underground. Exhibits are a fraction of any museum's activities. Offices for administration, publications, and fund-raising, classrooms, meeting rooms, photography studio, computer rooms, conservation laboratories for restoration, storage areas for unexhibited collections, rooms for study, archives for research, a carpentry shop for building exhibits, maybe even a small kitchen take up most of the building. These are the support facilities that make it possible for the public to enjoy their visits, in a secure site that preserves the collections they come to see.

Created by Town Meeting last spring, Arlington now has its own Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum, to commemorate and exhibit the town's collection of work by the great American sculptor who made his home here. Following

the efforts of the Cyrus E. Dallin Committee, who have restored the bulk of the town's collection, a board of trustees of the museum is currently being organized. This board will be responsible for raising funds to endow the museum so that it can open in a permanent location in Arlington. Until then, it remains a "museum without walls."

Town Meeting approved the constructive re-use of a disused town property, the Vittoria C. Dallin Branch library, named for the sculptor's wife, on Park Avenue in Arlington Heights. Ideal for this purpose, the building is located in an accessible and historic area that would benefit from a stronger municipal presence. We hope that when the museum obtains sufficient funds to reconstruct it, the town will grant it the building. Should it be sold to an income and tax producing business instead? This would mean reversing current zoning philosophy, since it is not now a commercial district. Also, the building in its current form will need to be expensively upgraded by the town before serious buyers will consider it. The Dallin board expects that the presence of a cultural facility will increase property resale values immensely, eventually adding much more to the tax roles than could be recouped from sale of a dwindling town resource — land.

People rarely visit the Dallin Library these days. It's closed. You may have attended the annual book sale, and remember the attractive first floor space with a soaring ceiling topped by a cupola. It would make a superb exhibit space for Dallin's sculptures and paintings. Last year's Dallin ex-

MUSEUM, see page 11A.

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Censorship and forgiveness at the Cineplex

Last June, as we headed out for an early movie, our 11-year-old asked if he could tag along with his two pals to see the latest shoot-'em-up.

"We have our eye on a comedy, but sure," my husband and I told him. "Call your friends, get the parents' OK, and say we'll be by in 20 minutes."

Once at the Cineplex, in the interest of speed, we went to one line while the kids went to another — from which they came running back in less than 60 seconds.

"The guy won't sell us tickets!" they yelled in unison. "He says it's rated R."

I walked over, thinking, "OK, this is R, right? Like the funny '48 Hours' and the historical 'Glory' Like 'True Lies,' for heaven's sake, which no less a cultural watchdog than Newt Gingrich dubbed a real family-style picture."

I reached the ticket counter, where a young man with the name tag "Dana" briskly made change. When he saw me with my wide-eyed charges, he didn't hesitate. "This movie is rated R, ma'am. You ought to know better."

"But," I began. "It's against the law, ma'am

LIFE AND ALL THAT
TERRY MAROTTA

Please step aside.

"But we're the parents," I stumbled on, certain I needed only to explain it right. "That is, we're two of the parents, but —"

"Step aside or I'll call the manager!" he countered, his voice rising.

The manager appeared then, drawn by the growing bottleneck. He assessed the situation quickly. Then, everything happened at once: "Sell her the tickets," said he.

"I don't believe this!" fumed Dana.

"This kid's gonna get fired," thought I. But the moment passed, we got our tickets, and the kids saw their shoot-'em-up.

Then, six months went by. "Casino," a gangster film set in Vegas, had just opened, and I went to see it alone, on a Sunday afternoon.

Why I went, I'm still not sure. Maybe because I love Robert DeNiro, and Joe Pesci always reminds me of the funny guy he played in "My Cousin Vinny," and the New Yorker wrote about it twice. Sure, their critic described it as "a bunch of unbelievably touchy people yelling at each other in an ugly town in the middle of nowhere," but that didn't even tip me off — to the fact that I was about to waste close to 180 excruciating minutes watching one of the most violent and spirit-withering films ever made.

The "F" word figured in nearly every sentence. Before the film was done, people had been knifed, shot and buried alive; and one man's head had been put in a vice and crushed like a melon.

But it wasn't until about an hour into it that I noticed the two young

children in front of me with their dad. Every time someone yelled, "Give me the fin' money or I'll blow your fin' head off," the father would lean across his girl, 6, to catch the eye of his boy, 11, and laugh encouragingly.

Once I'd seen these children, I could see nothing else. The boy would smile wanly when his dad looked over, but in general, he did not smile. Or laugh. He began to look with a certain fixedness at two grandma types in Cineplex uniforms, staffers evidently in here to get off their feet a while. His little sister, meanwhile, mostly looked down at her lap.

By the time the movie ended in a crowningly horrid scene, the tears were streaming down my face. When the dad stood and caught sight of me trying to compose myself, he cast a sheepish glance in my direction and said in a hearty voice, "You'll sleep tonight, eh, kids?"

I think he knew what he had done then, and he wanted me to forgive him.

But all I could think of was the young man Dana, who was right, and ask myself, "Who will forgive the rest of us?"

Letters to the Editor

'Chief' title implies
certain requirements

To the editor:

Having been a lifelong resident of Arlington (more than 50 years), as well as a police officer for the past 28 years, I must take issue with recent articles in the Advocate referring to Mr. Delgaizo, director of police services, as "Chief" Delgaizo. Mr. Delgaizo was appointed director in 1994 by Donald Marquis, town manager. Unfortunately, Mr. Marquis ignored civil service law by failing to make a provisional appointment to that position pending the establishment of a certified list of eligibles from a Chiefs of Police Examination. According to both civil service law and town bylaw, the position is still under civil service as Chief of Police, and an open examination is required to permanently fill this position. No examination was ever requested, and no other interested candidate was given the opportunity to apply for and compete in an open and legal selection process. Unless and until Mr. Delgaizo successfully passes the exam and is selected from a "Chiefs" list, it does a disservice to those who have legitimately earned the title — as well as those who may aspire to that position through hard work, study and an open selection process — to refer to him as "Chief."

During a time when serious alle-

gations of racial and sexual discrimination are rocking the department, and civil litigation is pending, it is most unfortunate that a central actor in these controversies has been appointed to the highest position in that same organization without benefit of open and thorough examination and interview. I only hope that past and future lessons will prove that there is no "shortcut" or substitute for a thorough, open, and fair selection process when choosing the head of one of the most essential departments in a local community.

Richard Femla
Summer Street
Vice President, Patrolman's AssociationProposed tax cut irks
senior homeowner

To the editor:

I am a senior citizen on a fixed income, trying to maintain my home and property. Symmes Hospital is a profit-making business. Charles Lyons is not concerned about how we, as senior citizens, struggle to make ends meet. Mr. Lyons seems to think that a \$3.39 property-tax increase is insignificant. For the 27 years that I have owned my home, taxes have continued to rise. Whenever there is a town problem, the answer seems to be, "raise the taxes."

If Mr. Lyons thinks that the

\$48,000 tax exemption that he proposes for Symmes Hospital is a paltry amount, I say to him, "let Mr. Lyons pay the amount each year."

If Symmes is having difficulties, that is their problem and not mine, nor that of the taxpayers of Arlington. Arlington is not isolated from other hospitals. There is no crisis for access to other medical facilities.

Suppose Symmes were to be given tax exemption, and the following year, Symmes continued to have difficulties. What then? Raise taxes another \$3.39, etc.

The time will come when Mr. Lyons will perhaps become a senior citizen, and maybe he will realize then how much we struggle.

Frank Yenouskos
Blossom Street
ArlingtonUncle Sam was a
real, local person

To the editor:

Since I am a crossword puzzle fan, enjoy words and read books about the English language, I like Bill Bryson's books on language, one of which is "Made in America."

On page 65 of this book, I read this statement: "The War of 1812 saw the birth of another icon, Uncle Sam. He appears to have arisen in 1813 in Troy, N.Y., but little more is known."

How could I, an Arlington resident for 34 years, accept this statement? How could I accept it when I have driven or walked by the Uncle Sam monument on Pleasant St. and Massachusetts Avenue hundreds of times?

Therefore, I wrote Mr. Bryson that Uncle Sam was not a myth. I asked if he had researched Uncle Sam. If not, he could find information at Robbins Library in Arlington. Among the Robbins Library collection is a biography of Uncle Sam and an article in the "Dictionary of American Biography" (Vol. 10, p. 343). He could also check the microfilm collection of the Arlington Advocate and the vertical file at Robbins.

Since I have read two versions of the story of the incident in which Samuel Wilson was called Uncle Sam, I quoted the "Dictionary of American Biography" version.

I also quoted the words engraved on the Uncle Sam Monument: "In Honor of Samuel Wilson, a native son born near this site on September 13, 1766. He became our national symbol for Uncle Sam." As further proof, I added that Congress recognized Samuel Wilson as the original Uncle Sam on Sept. 15, 1962.

I enclosed a brochure from the Arlington Chamber of Commerce that contains information about Arlington's native son.

Finally, I suggested that should he visit Boston or Cambridge, that

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